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'Quant à la Troupe amphibie des Dragons, les avis seront éternellement partagés, ... mais en thèse générale, un brave à pied ou à cheval doit battre un poltron'—JOMINI

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INTRODUCTION.

As more and more attention is being drawn to the subject of Mounted Infantry, the writer trusts there may be some excuse for his attempting to supplement, by the following pages, the official text-book, in which is embodied the system of instruction carried on in an experimental corps under his command in South Africa in 1880–81.

As mounted infantry have frequently, in our small expeditions, to be hurriedly organised, these notes may assist officers who find themselves entrusted with such a duty.

Many of the recommendations put forward have been practically tested on service.

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CHAPTER I.

EMPLOYMENT AND DUTIES.

THE duties of mounted infantry in the South African, Egyptian, and Soudan Expeditions have mostly been those of scouting, patrolling, &c., thus supplementing the cavalry available to the hand of the general in command.

While mounted infantry must be trained in such duties, so as to assist the cavalry when required, these are not its most important functions in European warfare.

The most important uses of mounted infantry are—

1. To replace infantry in the advance guard.

2. To accompany the cavalry in rapid movements, to seize positions, or to threaten or attack flanks or communications.

3. To reinforce rapidly, and at a critical moment,

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infantry who are overtasked, or who have succeeded in gaining some vantage-ground in the general line of the attack, and who require assistance to make good their footing.

4. To enable the general to disengage his infantry from action.

When it is found possible to allot, say, eleven or twelve hundred mounted infantry to an army corps, it will be on many occasions practicable to do without any infantry in the advance guard. Such a course would add very much to the mobility and handiness of the advance guard, while the wear and tear spared to the infantry would be considerable.

The advance guard of an army corps with (in addition to the usual amount of cavalry and artillery) [1] twelve hundred mounted infantry and six machine guns would be able under ordinary circumstances to sweep away the enemy in front, or to hold on to a position until reinforcements arrived; and (being composed of mounted men only) would be better able to disengage itself from an undesirable combat, and to avoid being seriously compromised.

It may sometimes happen that the corps of mounted infantry may be at the end of a day's march the freshest troops available for outpost duty. There may have been no fighting, and all the scouting may have been performed by the cavalry, and while the infantry have been on their legs the livelong day the mounted infantry have had only a pleasant ride with the guns of the advance guard. They would, therefore,

[1] Say twelve squadrons and two batteries Horse Artillery.

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be detailed for the most remote outposts (and thus save the infantry a weary trudge); their horses, except a few for orderly duty, would be taken back to bivouac or quarters, by the numbers three, in charge of a proportion of officers and sergeants.

For the supply of men for mounted infantry no better plan can be suggested than the system which has now been thoroughly tested, of a battalion of infantry detailing an officer's party or detachment to be attached to a mounted infantry school or training depôt for a period of three or four months.

As changes in a corps are constantly occurring such detachments should not be under the following strength:—Two officers, two sergeants, forty rank and file.

It will be found that if weaker detachments are trained, owing to transfers, sickness, discharges, and other casualties, the trained mounted infantry in a battalion soon melt away, and a corps becomes unable to furnish a trained mounted infantry *division* when called on.

The number of men to be passed through such course of training at a time is a question of expense, upon which it is needless to touch here, but in laying down the duties and functions of any mounted infantry training depôt, which is really intended to meet the requirements of the situation, it should be realised that such depôt is not merely a school of instruction. Its responsibilities should be much more extended.

It must be the nucleus and cadre of any corps of

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mounted infantry required in our expeditions, small or great. This—in all organisation and arrangements—must never be lost sight of for a moment. There should be schemes of mobilisation of mounted infantry, worked out and ready to be made use of, whether for a company of a hundred or a corps of a thousand strong.

Registers of officers and men who have passed through the training depôt should be kept, with their willingness or not to serve again in the mounted infantry noted, something after the form on next page.

Lists of the men (whether a hundred or a thousand) should be prepared, ready to be referred to on men being required.

As a battalion leaves England, or is noted as belonging to the first army corps, men with the colours should no longer be taken from it.

In the case of men who have passed to the reserve, their addresses should be kept in the mounted infantry office.[1]

It would be a matter of consideration if efficient volunteers, willing to serve in time of war, might not be permitted to be attached for training to the school.

As a rule such men should not be over 5 ft. 8 in. in height, or under twenty-two or over twenty-eight years of age, and should be medically passed fit for mounted work, and should sign an agreement with

[1] Seven hundred or eight hundred names of mounted infantry men, who have served in South Africa, Egypt, and Burmah, could now be obtained to commence with.

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MOUNTED INFANTRY REGISTER.

Corps	No.	Rank and Name	Trade	Home Address	If willing to serve again in M. I.	Shot	Rider	Height	Weight	Character	Service	Approximate Date of passing to Reserve	Date of Joining M. I. Training Depôt	Date of Leaving M. I. Training Depôt	Remarks
								ft. in.	st. lb.						
1st Somerset L. I.	259	Corpl. John Parsons	Farm Labourer	—	—	1st	Good	5 7½	11 0	V. G.	4 yrs. $\frac{3}{12}$	—	3·3·88	4·7·88	Was section leader, quick, intelligent, and plenty of nerve.
1st Somerset L. I.	1972	Pte. Henry Milford	Shoeing Smith	—	—	1st	Fair	5 6	10 7	G.	5 yrs. $\frac{4}{12}$	—	6·4·88	8·9·88	Reliable shoeing smith.
1st Somerset L. I.	957	Sergt. Edward Parker	Groom	—	—	Marksman	V. G.	5 7	11 0	V. G.	7 years	Re-engaged	10·9·88	12·12·88	A valuable N.C.O., fine horseman and shot, quick and intelligent, strict with men, and liked by them.
Rl. Sussex	1019	Pte. John Saunders	Ploughman	—	—	Marksman	Fair	5 10	12 7	V. G.	3 yrs. $\frac{4}{12}$	—	10·9·88	13·12·88	A fine shot, but indifferent rider and heavy man.
Rl. Sussex	871	Pte. Thomas Black	Farm Labourer	—	—	1st	Indifferent	5 8	11 7	ferent	4½ years	—	12·1·89	14·4·89	An unsteady shot; careless and unreliable at his work.

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Government binding themselves to serve (in case of their services being needed in the event of war) during a period of six years,[1] on penalty of twenty or ten pounds smart money, such smart money to be recoverable before a magistrate.

Once a year such details of volunteers, *i.e.* officers and sergeants, one bugler, forty rank and file might be received.

The conditions should be severer for them than for the regulars; they should be picked shots, and already have a fair knowledge of riding.

Such men would become after three or three and a half months' practical military training, under the discipline of the regular army, valuable mounted infantry soldiers.

Any detachments of volunteers fulfilling the above conditions, and *being able to provide* their own horses for training, should be always received, if accommodation can be arranged for them.

Light horse *v.* mounted rifle volunteer detachments should always be received for training when practicable.

Arrangements for such detachments should be made during the summer, when the horses will not suffer by being picketed out, nor the men by being under canvas.

There should be in the training depôt the saddlery and equipment for whatever force of mounted infantry is to accompany the first army corps.

This saddlery should not be stored away, but

[1] *i.e.* From the date of the completion of their training.

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should be on racks, each set ready to take down and to be placed on a horse.

It should be taken into use periodically, so as to be actually in working order.

New saddlery has the drawback of all the straps stretching, and requiring refitting and readjustment several times.

This is a most serious drawback on service.

In the same store, the vats and cases required for packing the saddlery should be ready for immediate use—ready addressed and numbered, requiring only the actual name of port of destination and the steamer by which they are to proceed.

All equipment necessary for the corps should be stored there, to avoid drawing upon the overtaxed Ordnance department, when an expedition is ordered.

If there are some articles which it is undesirable to keep in the stores of the training depôt, the indents for them should be ready made out to be sent in at once.

Every effort should be made to avoid bustle and hurry at the last.

It must be remembered with a corps of mounted infantry—having to collect its men, its equipment, and its horses—special measures to avoid delay and to insure efficiency are needed.

In the Egyptian war, the saddlery for the mounted infantry was to leave England four or five days after the officer selected to command the corps. The saddlery never reached the corps, and was ultimately burnt in the fire at the Cairo railway station in October 1882,

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without having ever been issued. The mounted infantry were obliged to make shift with worn-out and perished Egyptian saddlery, which much impaired their efficiency. Luckily a considerable portion of the corps then formed had served, only five or six months before, in the Mounted Infantry in South Africa, and fell at once into their places.

If the mounted infantry training depôt is only to train scattered details of mounted infantry it will fall very short of what it should accomplish.

What the depôt must be able to accomplish may be roughly sketched out in following imaginary telegrams.

No. I.

From Adjutant-General to Commandant Mounted Infantry.

'Decided to increase mounted infantry in Natal by two companies. 2nd commandant of mounted infantry depôt to proceed to command corps.

'Submit names of company leaders and regiments you propose should supply men. Equipment saddlery to be embarked on ss. "Moor," Albert Docks, on the .'

No. II.

From Commandant Mounted Infantry to Adjutant-General.

'2nd commandant mounted infantry depôt warned —Major —— and Captain —— proposed as company leaders.

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'Quartermaster —— will take saddlery and equipment to ss. "Moor," and hand it over personally to the commandant. Full details with rolls of men by to-day's post. I send quartermaster and quartermaster sergeant with all service clothing to remain on ss. "Moor" until she sails. If time presses they will fit men, issue clothing and necessaries between London and Plymouth, where they will disembark—return to depôt with surplus stores.'

The responsibility for the equipment and clothing of the men, it will be seen, is divided between the men's corps and the mounted infantry depôt, but so broadly divided that there can be no confusion.

The corps is responsible for the arms and equipment, and say 160 rounds per rifle. Each man should have two good pairs of boots, one suit of clothing complete, and the necessaries laid down for service in his kit bag. He will leave behind his valise and expense pouch, and exchange his infantry for a cavalry canteen, and his bayonet for a sword bayonet.

In addition the mounted infantry man should receive two pairs of woollen drawers, jersey, cord-pantaloons, one pair gaiters, one pair putties, bandolier, revolver complete (as decided), pair of spurs, blanket, and waterproof sheet.

All mounted infantry arms, equipment, and clothing should be issued by the mounted infantry depôt.

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CHAPTER II.

TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION.

In mounted infantry, exceptional intelligence and nerve are required from the sergeants and rank and file. In order to develop these qualities officers must make up their minds to take the instruction of their men entirely into their own hands.

Not only is this essential in order that men shall be properly and intelligently taught, but it is also necessary in order to give the officers that touch and hold over their men only to be acquired by their knowing intimately their capabilities and characters, which knowledge is thus easily and surely attained. Such a course also leads the men to trust and understand their officers, and, when in difficulties, to have confidence in the capacity of their officers to see them through.

The foregoing paragraphs may seem truisms. Who will teach the men, if their officers do not? That some officers will teach the men, goes without saying. What is wanted, however, is that *the* officer who commands the tactical unit teaches the men he is to lead.

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There should be no adjutant with mounted infantry: an orderly officer is sufficient. The corps sergeant-major should look after the 'duties,' and keep his eyes open as to the conduct and discipline of the sergeants and rank and file; but he should not meddle with the instruction of the men. Any special instruction necessary to be imparted to officers or men must be carried out either by the officer commanding or the second in command.

In mounted infantry mounted on horses no cavalry sergeants should be allowed, useful as they may be in teaching stable management and discipline. It is an admission that the officers cannot teach their own non-commissioned officers. It is far preferable to send either officers, and perhaps selected sergeants, through a short course with a cavalry regiment—to learn stable discipline and routine, fitting saddlery, &c.—than to admit the employment of cavalry instructors.[1]

The entire training must be thoroughly practical: there will be, in all probability, no time to waste; therefore no riding instruction as merely riding instruction, no musketry instruction as merely musketry instruction, should be permitted, although the man should be always at work at his horse and his rifle.

[1] In some cases when there are a number of unbacked or young remounts, or queer-tempered horses, the services of one or more rough riders may be required. They should be obtained from the artillery if possible, as the knowledge of harness and draught-work which artillery rough riders possess will be of use.

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The strength of mounted infantry is their strength dismounted and moved from their horses or their means of conveyance. Every effort must therefore be used to decrease the horse-holders and increase the number of rifles.

This cannot be too much insisted on. Nothing can be more discouraging than to see the small number of rifles an apparently strong body of mounted infantry is able to dispose of.

Mounted infantry are, by regulation, supposed to dismount and place in fighting line three-quarters of the rank and file (that is, 60 out of a company of 80 rank and file, 600 out of a corps of 800, in the latter case leaving 200 rifles unemployed). Were this proportion, however, never exceeded, mounted infantry would be a very expensive article.

In practice, it is found that horses soon get docile and quiet together, and a very few days' hard work will bring horses to look upon the signal for dismounted duty with satisfaction, and they will remain quietly standing in the ranks linked or ringed for hours in charge of one horse-holder per division.[1]

I am referring here to geldings and mares; stallions are most objectionable, on account of their pugnacious qualities, thus requiring more horse-holders. It is therefore a matter of great importance that, when practicable, geldings and mares should always be obtained for mounted infantry. This point is to be judged on different grounds than when considering

[1] There should be a certain number of hobbles per company, to be carried by men riding restless horses or kickers.

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the comparative merits of stallions and geldings for mounting cavalry.

Few who have commanded mounted infantry in action but have turned with envious eyes to their horse-holders, and devised schemes for getting more of them into the fighting line.

With stallions, more rifles are lost to the front than with geldings; and as a mounted infantryman is useless in action while mounted, and while his work only begins when he dismounts, this is an important point. It becomes a serious matter when four or five fighting stallions in each company necessitate the withdrawal of so many rifles to keep them from spreading disorder and insubordination amongst the company horses.

The organisation of mounted infantry is by companies, divisions, and sections.

It is of great importance that this last unit should be developed and insisted upon.

For each section of four men a section-leader should be chosen. The commandant should, if possible, give the section-leaders lance-stripes.

This section organisation provides a lance-corporal and three privates for any mounted duty; and three men, or a lance corporal and two men, for dismounted duty, with the fourth man in camp or barracks to see to the section's horses.

One of the reasons the horses of the horse and field artillery are so well looked after on service is, that the unit of responsibility is such a small one, the 'numbers one' of teams or guns being responsible to

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the subalterns of divisions for the work. Thus there are no horses of absentees, or prisoners, or non-commissioned officers forgotten and overlooked in their watering, feeding, grooming, or what not.

The same argument holds good with the section organisation. Any man of a section will do the best he can for his comrades' horses, even if the section-leader, who is directly responsible for the work, is absent.

The section organisation should always be adhered to when practicable.

The men composing a section get to understand and trust each other, and acquire an immense deal of confidence and *aplomb* in facing and dealing with difficulties.

Soldiers pick up knowledge, one from another, very readily, and talk together a great deal about what their officers tell and teach them. Train your section-leaders carefully, and most of what you teach them will filter into their sections.

In Egypt, the section-leaders were armed with a revolver in addition to their rifle; and though an indiscriminate issue of this weapon is to be deprecated with young soldiers, who are likely to 'draw' and damage each other more than the enemy, it proved of use on several occasions. The privilege to carry this was much valued, as marking the picked men of the corps.

The section-leader, then, should be held responsible for the section—held responsible for its behaviour, its horses, its saddlery, &c., being bound to report

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anything wrong, whether it is one of his horses has lost a shoe, or the absence of one of his men. Thus on parade there should be no calling the roll: the quickest way for proving the division is—

'Section-leaders, answer for your sections!' No. 1—'Present, sir,' &c.

These are trifles, but they all tend to developing the responsibility of the section-leaders, and enabling the officers and sergeants to work through them at the men—whether in order to make a lazy man 'soldier' better, or an unsteady one keep out of trouble.

It must never be forgotten that it is waste of time training men as mounted infantry who cannot shoot; and to keep up men's shooting they must have plenty of practice. The more rounds men expend the better they shoot; but they must keep up their shooting all the year round, irrespective of the annual course, if they are to keep up to a really high standard of sharp-shooting. Ten rounds per fortnight is about what a mounted infantryman should expend, including his range-shooting.

Care must be taken that, whatever proportion of the corps is armed with a pistol or with a revolver, it is thoroughly expert in the use of this arm. The heavy pistol or revolver is, when properly used, a most formidable weapon at close quarters.

There are some American generals who hold still that cavalry armed with the revolver can hold its own against cavalry armed with sword and lance. The cavalry, however, in the American war was very

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raw and untrained, and the experience of the cavalry engagements gained at this time was very misleading. Be that as it may, no man ought to carry a weapon of which he is not the master; and mounted infantry who can hold their revolvers straight would be able to extricate themselves from an awkward position, where men shooting at random would be helpless.

It has been said above that there should be no riding instruction merely as riding instruction. The best time for improving the men's riding is on the way to the drill or manœuvre ground.

After the corps have moved off the company-leaders should let their companies pass and repass them, to see how the horses look and how the men are riding, to show them how to correct their seat, position of their hands, &c. The company-leader should speak to any man who is in difficulties with his horse, and find out from him what is the matter, without necessarily finding fault. The officer should speak so that the men near can hear him, and can also, if need be, profit by his advice and example.

A five minutes' halt and dismount should be made ten or fifteen minutes after leaving stables. This should never be omitted, as it is a great comfort to men and horses. One man has been late turning out, and his accoutrements are not comfortable; another has had to take a different horse, and his leathers do not suit him; some of the horses want to stale, &c.

In a dry climate the weather has not to be taken much into consideration, but in England this is a serious question, as it is likely to interfere greatly

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with the work. Rain, unless very heavy and combined with violent wind, must not be permitted to interfere with work. Drill and work in rain, when there are warm barracks to return to and dry clothes to put on, will do no one any harm. Any officer and man who cannot stand such exposure had better return to his corps. But men should always be permitted to turn out for work in old clothes. It is not the weather men mind: it is destroying their clothes, and the thought that, perhaps owing to the rain and mud, they will get 'put down' for a new serge or shell jacket.

This, it may be remarked, is the cause of a considerable amount of discontent in the English army; and it would be well if it could be recognised in all branches of the service, that for work likely to destroy men's clothing, such as musketry, manœuvres, field-works, &c., patched and worn clothing be permitted. Some phrase in orders detailing the parade, such as 'fatigue' or 'manœuvre clothing, would indicate what dress was to be worn.

A great deal of petty crime, and of discontent, which perhaps does not get further than the troop or battery sergeant-majors, or colour-sergeants, would be thereby done away with.

In training mounted infantry a great deal of work is demanded from the horses. It must be remembered, however, it is the pace that kills, and that, even taking into consideration the inferior quality of the horses on which mounted infantry are mounted the pace is much slower and less damaging than that at which cavalry manœuvre. Also, while the work is proceeding the

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horses are often standing dismounted and therefore resting.

The secret is to look carefully after the delicate horses. There are numbers of cheerful hearty animals who take the rough with the smooth and give no one a moment's anxiety. But the anxious and nervous horse, the delicate feeder—these are the ones which require the 'master's eye.'

It is a great point to get such horses cool to stable. A horse's discomfort is great when he has fretted all the way home, having exhausted the patience of his rider, with disagreeable results to himself, and when he arrives at stables sweating bodily and worried mentally.

Such horses should be dismounted a certain distance from home and led—horses rarely fret leading; indeed, after manœuvres or quick drill nothing will so shorten the work after return to stables as dismounting the corps and leading the last twenty minutes or half an hour of the way home.

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CHAPTER III.

EXERCISES AND MANŒUVRES.

ALL exercises and manœuvres should (it goes without saying) be as practical and as realistic as possible.

While manœuvring, scouts—both for examining the ground and for reconnoitring—should be always out, so as to accustom officers never to be without them, and to teach men the duties required of them when acting as scouts or flankers to a rapidly moving force.[1]

As mounted infantry has most to dread from a sudden attack from cavalry, officers and men should be practised in preparing for and meeting sudden cavalry attacks or surprises.

A company should be detailed to simulate cavalry; and as a sign that it should be regarded as such, ordinary lance-pennons might be attached to the muzzles of the rifles.

The commandant, or other officer as umpire, should be on the ground to decide whether the cavalry fairly surprised the mounted infantry and could have

[1] It may be remarked that the usual fault of our scouts and flankers is, that they remain too near the troops they are working for.

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charged home, or whether the mounted infantry could have had time to have escaped to broken ground or to repel the attack on foot.

Mounted infantry caught by cavalry in the saddle, or before it has had time to dismount and to open an effective fire, should, of course, be put out of action.

In practising outpost duty, an enemy should be represented, who should try and break through the line of vedettes.

In practising the Attack, two companies should work against each other—one on the defensive, and one on the offensive.

Again, a company may be sent to march a few miles out from quarters, and, without giving notice, a second company warned unexpectedly to try and surprise the first on its march home.

There is another practice which will be found of considerable use in order to train men to deal with an enemy like the Zulus or Soudanese, who intend coming to close quarters, and develop their attack almost as quickly as mounted men. Direct an enemy to advance, without firing, at a slow trot, or trot and walk, against a company or corps, which should have orders to retire before the enemy, taking care always to keep him under fire. The enemy should not be permitted to be distant over 700 yards or under 200 yards.

The above should also be practised with the enemy retiring.

This practice should be always practised with blank ammunition, and one company should often perform

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it against another, points being deducted for exceeding the 700 yards, or for letting the supposed enemy get within 200 yards, and also for the time when the enemy *was not* under fire.

In practising the Attack, do not hurry over your instructions as to the objects of the Attack and the manner in which it is to be carried out. It is absolutely necessary that a company-leader should clearly understand, and make clear to each officer, sergeant, and section-leader, at what point in the front he is aiming to reach. This alone will insure intelligent work on the part of his subordinates. (It is to be remembered that on active service your corps may be, or assumed to be, out of fire, or at any rate under fair shelter, before the attack commences.)

Make sure that you, on your side, have given sufficient instructions (although without burdening your officers' memories and fettering their initiative by too much detail); and that your officers, on their side, understand what is required of them.

Thus will be avoided, in peace time, the mistakes, the galloping about, and the shouting consequent on badly delivered and partially understood instructions; and, in war time, far more serious complications.

If at drill serious mistakes are made, and movements carried out badly, do not send orderlies and messengers all over the ground with vehemently worded messages. Sound the cease-fire, and explain the mistakes, and recommence. You will thus learn *why* the mistakes were made—a valuable piece of

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knowledge; and there is the chance that you will discover that they were committed owing to some instruction intended by you to be taken in one way, and received in another.

The Attack should be practised as in the infantry; but the advantage their horses give mounted infantry in getting rapidly over the ground passed over by infantry during the first stage of the Attack (say from 2,000 to 1,000 yards from the enemy's position) should not be forgotten.

Company-leaders should practise taking up their companies to the position the horses are to be left at in different methods; for instance, sometimes by taking up a company in column of route (by serpentining along, according to the folds of the ground, cover may be gained the whole distance). Another time, another formation must be adopted, and the company-leader order the division-leaders to take their companies across to where the horses are to be left, at as fast a gallop as possible, and in extended formation. If no suitable cover to shelter the horses can be found, the horses must be sent back at a gallop. From the point where the dismount (which in this case will be ordered at a greater distance from the enemy's position) takes place, care must be taken that the horses are, if possible, retired *obliquely* to the rear.

The individuality of company-leaders should be brought out as much as possible during the practice of the Attack.

They must understand that all the instruction

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they can expect from their immediate commander is the general purpose and aim of the attack and his own objective (i.e. the object on which he is to direct his men).

For the rest, the company-leaders are responsible. The control of the fire, the way of working that part of the ground allotted to their unit, rests with them.[1]

Above all their absolute responsibility as to the fire of their men must be impressed on the company- and division-leaders.

The behaviour of company- and division-leaders should be closely watched at field-firing, to see whether they show resolute initiative in commanding and 'handling' the fire of their men.

'By —— ! I won't let you men fire another shot till you get steady and behave like soldiers and not like recruits,' an officer was heard to say to his men in action and under fire. This, anyway, was the right spirit.

It should be remembered that with young soldiers, perhaps under fire for the first time, the officer's voice has a most steadying effect.

Many young soldiers are inclined to be unsteady, not because they are afraid, but because their mental balance is rather upset and their nerves highly strung.

They are most anxious to behave well, and they are very curious to find out how, firstly, they *themselves* will behave; secondly, how their comrades will behave.

[1] All officers should be made to learn the use of, to carry, and to employ largely the whistle, as laid down by regulation. It is heard far more easily and quickly than the bugle, but its use is not yet sufficiently practised.

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All this renders the officer's voice, recalling the lessons he has taught them, of great service, making them understand that exactly the same is expected of them now as on the manœuvre-ground.

In taking his fighting line into action, a company-leader must not merely give the distance and nothing more. His glasses should be out, and those of his subalterns, to note the range, and the places where his fire will have most effect; his whistle ready to signal to his men to cease fire, whether to correct their range, or, in case they are getting at all flurried or unsteady, to prevent them getting out of hand, or, again, to concentrate his fire or a portion of it on certain points in the position his men are attacking.

In moving large bodies of mounted infantry, the movements laid down in Sect. XII., Mounted Infantry Regulations, will be found sufficient. Company columns should be generally adhered to; as, for instance, in an advance of a couple of miles to a point where a dismount is to take place and an attack commenced.

The commander of the corps must be near the company of direction. The utmost freedom must be given to company-leaders. All that is wanted is that they do not lose their position to too great an extent, and that they conform to the general direction and formation of the company of direction.

The general principles which govern the movements of cavalry *before* forming for the attack are more or less applicable to mounted infantry; but the exactitude of distance, interval, and dressing which

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is required of cavalry so as to enable it to get into line, *its* fighting formation, is not required of mounted infantry, who first of all require to dismount and get away from their means of transport.

If by any chance mounted infantry has to accompany cavalry in an advance in an open country, its place will be in rear of the second line on the least-exposed flank.

The commandant of the corps should accustom the company-leaders to criticise in his presence the work done by their companies to their subalterns, and perhaps their sergeants. Such a discussion will give him a good idea of how the system of instruction goes on and of the capacities of his officers.

After all exercises on the manœuvre-ground the commander himself should also, before his officers, and sometimes sergeants, and perhaps even his section-leaders, criticise and give his opinion as to how the work has been done, and what faults committed and to be in future avoided. This criticism should never be dispensed with, and will increase the value of the work done tenfold. The officers will criticise what has been gone through, the sergeants will talk about it in their mess, and the men will 'yarn' about it in their barrack-room, with the result that a certain amount of knowledge will be got into everyone's head.

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CHAPTER IV.

SADDLERY AND EQUIPMENT.

THERE would be great advantage, if means could be found, to provide a lighter saddle for mounted infantry.

The difficulty to overcome is, to combine lightness with strength—the iron-arch saddle itself (though the best pattern, all round, ever provided for the English service) has been found fault with, on account of the iron arch in some cases stretching and yielding.[1]

The method of carrying saddlery and equipment laid down in Mounted Infantry Regulations is good for peace time and for a *start*, in order to make sure the men and horses have all their kit, necessaries, &c.; but on arrival at the scene of action a great many articles should be relegated to the heavy baggage, and man and horse should turn out thus:—

Deduct from wallets—boots, shirt, and socks, surcingle-pad; from saddle, the numnah; remove

[1] Major Hutton, D.A.A.G., Aldershot, has brought forward an adaptation of the American army saddle, which is now under trial, and which is considerably lighter than the present regulation pattern saddle.

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the great-coat from over the wallets,[1] and roll it in waterproof sheet in place of blanket, and fold blanket to go under the saddle instead of numnah.

It is of the last importance to get every ounce of weight possible off the horses, and it will be found these deductions will lighten their load by nearly 8 lbs.[2] The numnah will possibly be required again when the horse gets drawn fine with work, and the surcingle-pad will be required if it is ever possible to allow the horse a blanket. It should not be forgotten that in severe weather a blanket is worth per day at least a good feed of corn to a horse, and helps to prevent him getting thin, and therefore weak. There is, however, great difficulty in carrying horse-blankets.

We are the last nation clinging to cruppers, and I believe the majority of our cavalry-officers have declared against them. Those who, however, support the retention of cruppers urge that it is not in peace time, when the horses are big and strong, when the well-filled-out and muscular shoulders keep the saddle in its place, that the crupper is required: it is when the troop-horse has by privation or hard work lost his fine rounded shape, and when his lowered crest and withers and thin bodypiece allow the saddle to glide

[1] This has the advantage of lowering the bridle hand to the wallet.

[2] Apropos of the weight carried by the horse, never allow your men to remain mounted a minute longer than necessary—while the man's weight is on the horse, the animal may be considered at work; while the soldier is dismounted the horse will rest and sleep. As the mounted infantryman is (unlike the cavalryman) more prepared against sudden attack dismounted, there is no excuse for his wearing out his horse by remaining mounted.

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forward, and the girth, hardened by exposure and wet, to grind away at the flesh behind the forearm and elbow. For mounted infantry, who are often mounted on under-bred and short-shouldered horses, a crupper is of immense service: and I have frequently had girth-galls cured by causing the man to ride with the weight of the saddle almost entirely on the horse's tail, until the sore could again bear the girth.

In any change in the method of carrying mounted infantry equipment there are two main points to be observed:—

(*a*) The rifle-bucket must always be placed behind the leg, so as to force the man to 'draw arms' before dismounting; otherwise it will occur that men will be disarmed, by dismounting without their rifles, and then getting separated by some accident from their horses.

(*b*) The article to carry the kit, whether wallets, saddle-bags, or what not, must just hold the kit and no more; otherwise the soldier will 'fill up' with private stores and the horse will suffer.

The regulation bridle can be much lightened by reducing the weight of the bit, and by adopting a bit somewhat like that used by the German cavalry—what we should term an *unjointed* Pelham.

A bridoon should be retained, and on no account should a joint be permitted in the bit. A jointed Pelham is neither bit nor snaffle: the strain on the bridoon rein does away with the use of the curb, and the bit-rein brings a false bearing on the mouth. Were it certain that mounted infantry were to be always

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mounted on docile and spiritless animals, a simple bridoon would probably be sufficient; but it often happens they may be provided with horses requiring control, such as the fiery Arab or Syrian stallion, or the often spirited Cape horse. With such the bridoon and the bit, being separate, is invaluable.

The old link and T, or the strap-and-buckle bridoon, 84 pattern, should be adopted.

The chain and spring-hook bridoon is an abominable contrivance for man and horse, and has not a single advantage to recommend it. But above all is it the pest of the mounted infantryman. When the bridoon rein is used to lead the horse, the strain of the rein draws the rings of the bridoon close together and pinches the horse's tongue, causing him to stop short or to lead badly.

Arrangements for every other man—two men per section to carry a spade, and one man per division to carry some pioneer's tool—should be made.

Regarding officers' equipment, it will be found an advantage if officers have their spurs, bit, bridoon irons, &c., nickelled; this adds greatly to the neatness of an officer's turn-out on service.

A shrill powerful whistle should invariably be carried, according to regulation, and will be found of immense use as a signal, besides being able to make itself heard above the breechloader.

A second watch, worn on a strap on the wrist under the cuff, will also be found a great convenience for timing occurrences. It only requires a downward glance of the eyes, and obviates the con-

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tinual drawing out and putting away of the watch. An officer is thus enabled to frequently assure himself how time is moving without being noticed, and without giving perhaps the impression that he is anxious.

Such a watch and strap can be bought for 35*s.* or 40*s.*, the watch being in a nickel case.

An officer should have his two regulation sets of saddlery complete in every detail. Mounted infantry officers are rather prone to break into patterns of Australian or colonial bridles. This is a great mistake. The cavalry bridle of the English army is the best extant in Europe, and only needs to have less metal in the bit. No second head-collar is required. You can unbit your horse without dismounting. If the throat-lash is broken, a wallet-strap will replace it. Altogether it is a thoroughly practical and workmanlike article.

On one of an officer's chargers should be carried, on the fans of the saddle, a strongly made waterproof coat *cut to fit*, with high collar—long enough to touch the ankles, and provided with leg-straps. On the other saddle carry the regulation cloak rolled in a waterproof sheet. Replace the numnahs by well-folded blankets. In the near wallet of each saddle should be carried a small surcingle pad to use with the leather surcingle of the saddle when a horse-blanket can be provided.

On one of your chargers carry the regulation saddle-pockets or saddle-bags, but do not overweight the charger you are actually riding.

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In addition, it will be found most useful to have two *joined* waterproof saddle-bags, which can be thrown over the saddle of the horse you are *not* riding, or put on a pack animal if one is available, or put on a luggage-cart.

Thus there are available two pairs of wallets, one pair of large waterproof saddle-bags, one pair of regulation saddle-bags.

If the space afforded by these articles is filled with judgment, a mounted infantry officer can make shift without seeing his heavy baggage for many days.

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CHAPTER V.

EMPLOYMENT OF MACHINE GUNS WITH MOUNTED INFANTRY.

THE machine gun marks another step in advance in the development of modern warfare.

In the English service we are accustomed to its use as an auxiliary to the fire of infantry fighting in close formation against savage tribes.

Naturally, such will not be the use of the machine gun in European warfare.

The proper place of the machine gun is with mounted infantry and cavalry.

In the mounted infantry, the proportion of machine guns to rifles would probably be about six to 1,000. Thus there would be to a battalion of eight companies of mounted infantry (at 126 all ranks per company) six machine guns.[1]

It will be readily understood that a great deal must be practised and a great deal learnt before the efficient handling of machine guns with mounted troops is arrived at.

[1] A wheeler should be added to the establishment of a corps of mounted infantry which possesses more than two machine guns.

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It is not enough for machine guns to trot or gallop about after cavalry or mounted infantry, opening fire at rifle or carbine ranges.

The tactical handling of the guns must be carefully studied and practised, beside the training of the teams, drivers, and gunners.

The machine-gun carriage should have pole and not shaft draught.

Woolwich has adhered firmly to shaft draught, while foreign armies have declared uncompromisingly for the pole.

It may be conceded that the shaft system is far neater; that the wheelers are worked in nearer their load; that the grasp of the wheelers is more powerful downhill; that the driving is more exact, and that over rough ground (though this is not universally admitted) shafts have their advantage over the pole; and that turning and reversing is more easily accomplished.

There still remains, however, to the credit of the pole system the advantage it gives at the most dangerous crisis a gun in motion can pass through; a wheeler brought down killed or disabled!

There is no comparison of the time needed to extricate a dead or disabled horse and to hook in a fresh one in pole-draught, with the time required for the same operation in shaft-draught.

This brings us to our point regarding pole-draught for machine guns.

Machine guns in action must be pushed boldly to the front, and will far oftener have to submit to

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infantry-fire than will artillery guns. The teams cannot unlimber, or rather unhook (unless it is determined to take up a fixed position for some length of time); therefore casualties amongst the horses must be expected and provided for.

One of the objections to the pole system is that if the pole-head cap or pole-head eyes are damaged by collision against a tree, wall, wagon, or what not, the whole draught, as it were, collapses. This may be avoided by having, in addition to the pole-head eyes or rings, two rings let in on an iron band about four inches from the pole-head, the pole-chains to be ordinarily used on these rings.

As the machine-gun carriage has only two wheels, some addition to the ordinary pole-draught is needed to keep up the pole-head.[1]

For this the South African or Cape plan could be adopted with advantage. A light bar, hardly thicker than a stout walking-stick, about 4 ft. to 4 ft. 6 in. long, supports the pole, being fastened to it by a loose strap with plenty of play. This bar has two long straps at each end, and in the centre two short straps ending in buckles. The long straps pass over the horses' necks, through the top hame-straps (if the horses are working in collar), or through a loop in the breast strap-support (if the horses are in breast harness), and thence buckle into the short straps. The system is perfectly efficient, and works well in the heavy two-wheeled mail-carts which run

[1] There should also be a 'leg' or support on hinges underneath the pole, to let down when the team is unhooked.

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over the rough tracks of the interior of the Transvaal and Cape Colony and Natal.

As the teams will be frequently changed, breast-straps and not collars should be employed.

In some countries it may be necessary to have recourse to pack equipment for the machine guns; but the two-wheeled carriage will usually be the system adhered to, especially as there would always be plenty of extra horse-power available in case of difficulty.

An officer of the corps should have charge of the machine guns, and he should have an officer to assist him, who should be changed at intervals. At least the officer in charge should have gone through the Hythe machine-gun course. There should be a sergeant (or selected corporal with temporary lance stripe) in charge of each division of two guns, and a section-leader in charge of each subdivision—that is, of each gun.

Each division of two guns would require the following detail:—

1 sergeant and 3 sections with 13 horses, thus distributed:—1 sergeant in command, 4 drivers, 8 gunners, 5 riding-horses, 8 draught horses, 4 men being carried on the limbers, their horses employed as the off-wheelers and leaders of the gun-teams.

The ammunition should be carried in S.A.A. two-wheeled carts—one cart for each division of two guns. The three carts would employ one section with three spare horses—that is, the section-leader in charge, the three men of his section furnishing the three drivers.

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The entire detail for the machine guns would therefore be (excluding the two officers) :—

Sergeants	Gunners	Drivers	Horses Draught	Horses Riding	Machine Guns	S. A. A. Carts
3	25[1]	15	30	16	6	3

The S.A.A. carts would carry certain wheeler's tools and other equipment, as well as ammunition.

The rifles of the drivers should be strapped on the gun-carriage boxes and on the carts.

All the riding-horses should have breast-straps, so as to be able to hook in when required.

The saddles of the men on the gun-carriage boxes should remain on the hand horses, leathers crossed and irons strapped together by centre cloak-strap, traces running under the surcingle and outside the girths.

There should be special instruction in driving, in order to teach men the first principles, and to give them confidence.

A driving *manège* should be marked out, and a very few lessons will enable the guns to be taken on to parade. The necessity of always watching the traces to see both horses do their share of the work must be impressed on the drivers, and also of not jerking at the draught either starting or on the move.

The lead driver must take care to give a fair sweep in all turns, so as not to upset or hamper the wheelers, and to keep his traces slack going downhill.

[1] Including section-leader in charge of S.A.A. carts.

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The wheel driver must learn to keep his distance from the leaders, to keep his horses well collected when the ground is falling, to drive exactly after the leaders, and to be ready for any sudden change of pace or direction.

Although no pains are to be spared in thoroughly training the gun detachments, on no account must the machine-gun organisation be permitted to become a *battery* apart from the remainder of the corps. As many men and horses as possible should be trained to the work. It may not be possible to teach all the men to drive or to pass all the horses into the teams, but at least two men per section should understand the working of the machine guns, and there should be at least four spare teams with drivers per gun ready trained.

The general rules which govern the use of artillery are also more or less binding on machine guns; for instance, while in motion they are powerless, and therefore, once in a good position, should not be moved until the last moment.

In the Attack the rôle of machine guns is an important one. They fill a gap between the most effective fire of the field gun and the most effective fire of the rifle.[1]

In practising the Attack, the sound tactical working of machine guns must be carefully watched. A good position, oblique to the general line of advance, should be, if possible, found, at about 1,500 yards, or nearer to the enemy's position. There the machine guns and

[1] There must always be a good telescope with the machine guns.

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the escort must take up position as early as possible, to assist the advance.

Without moving the guns too frequently, the officer in command should seize every chance, as the fighting line advances, of pushing his guns forward and getting to close quarters to help the fighting line, moving a certain proportion of his guns forward under cover of the fire of the remainder.[1]

Risk of losing guns should not deter him remaining in action when his fire is doing execution and rendering service. It is better to lose guns honourably than to save them, when by being in action a few minutes longer success in another part of the field might have been assured, or a retreat covered.

Directly the position where he is to come into action is reached, the officer should see if he has not time and opportunity to improve it; ten minutes' spade work will do a great deal towards covering his guns and teams. He must not keep his escort close to the guns, or in too close a formation, and must remember to have scouts looking out for him on his exposed flank and rear.

If the Attack succeeds, the machine guns must reach the position almost simultaneously with the fighting line, so as to make good the success.

It should be the aim of machine guns to get up unperceived near artillery.

It may occur that a party of mounted infantry with a couple of machine guns kept as much as possible out of sight, and surrounded by the escort, will

[1] Guns should never be employed or moved *singly*.

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be disregarded and mistaken for cavalry, and thus be permitted to approach near enough to open a sudden and effective fire.

In attempting to get thus to closer quarters, and indeed in all situations, mounted infantry must be especially careful not to be caught napping by cavalry.

Mounted infantry surprised by good cavalry would probably be never heard of again; while mounted infantry on the look-out should be able to take care of itself against all comers and in all situations.

When in a defensive position, the officer commanding the machine guns should take care to make his fire as effective as possible, morally as well as physically. He should make note of any open spaces the attacking force has to cross, and get some idea of the range by sighting shots with one gun while perhaps his other guns are actually employed on the enemy. Sudden and violent resumption of fire partakes of the nature of sudden attack or surprise, and is most discouraging to the enemy, who has been congratulating himself on the lull which has taken place. Thus, before an enemy has reached a spot where the commander of the machine guns intends to attack him, he should for a time cease fire and get his guns carefully trained and ready for opening a sudden and rapid fire.

In manœuvres, and before coming into action, the position of the machine guns should be in rear of the mounted infantry companies, on the least exposed flank.

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In action, however, the machine gun must not be tied down tactically to the rifle.

It should be the aim of the officers commanding the machine guns to keep the gun-carriage boxes always full of ammunition. The ammunition carts should always, when practicable, be drawn upon for ammunition, and the gun-carriage boxes left untouched. One ammunition cart should, if possible, be drawn upon at a time if this can be done without confusion or crowding. Directly an ammunition cart has been emptied, it should be despatched in search of an ammunition column to refill.

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CHAPTER VI.

MOUNTED INFANTRY IN AN ADVANCED-GUARD ACTION.

In order to bring home to us the probable use of mounted infantry in European warfare, let us suppose that the advance guard of an army corps, composed of, say, sixteen squadrons, two horse artillery batteries, one company engineers,[1] an ambulance detachment, and twelve companies mounted infantry at a hundred rifles per company, with six machine guns, have been brought up by an enemy's force, barring the route. The commander of the advance guard has made up his mind not to stop, as he knows the general is anxious to reach a certain position to his front, and he has also pretty certain information that there is nothing overwhelming in front of him. His batteries come into action on some rising-ground about 2,200 yards from the enemy's position; ten guns are directed against the enemy's artillery (his cavalry has been driven in), while two guns are firing on a body of the enemy's infantry which is seen advancing to some ground some little distance, say 400 yards, in front of his main position. The officer commanding the

[1] Carts or other means of transport being provided for dismounted men.

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advance guard orders the officer commanding the mounted infantry to attack the main position, detaching a company and two machine guns to accompany eight squadrons, which are to attempt a turning movement against the enemy's left flank.

The officer commanding mounted infantry has already been at work with his telescope, and has turned over in his mind what he had best do. He gets his officers together, details the company and two machine guns to accompany the squadrons, warning the company-leader that if the mounted infantry are used he must dismount every man and get the cavalry to hold his horses for him.

He then details eight companies for fighting line, supports, and reserves; pointing out the general line of attack, and the objects they are to advance upon. He keeps one company with the four remaining machine guns, and two companies as reserve second line.

About 900 yards in front of where his corps is now standing in column, more or less sheltered, appears to be a sharp dip in the ground, which looks as if it would give good shelter to his horses. This dip is pointed out, and the captains of the four companies composing the fighting line and supports are directed to take the half-companies of the fighting line at a gallop and independently to this place, dismount, and commence the attack, leaving their horses (to be held subsequently by men detailed by the companies of the reserve) thus protected by the ground. Directly the fighting line has commenced its advance,

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the half-companies forming the supports will, one after the other, cross the 900 yards to the dip at a gallop, and will form the supports, and advance. In like manner, the reserve companies will be brought up, and will set free the horse-holders of the fighting line and supports, taking charge of the horses of the four leading companies.

In the meantime, an advantageous position, towards one of the flanks, and about 1,200 yards distance from the enemy's position, has been found for the machine guns, and the officer in command is directed to move them off by the most sheltered route he can find, and open fire, two guns on the infantry and two guns on the enemy's artillery, if he can make good enough practice against the gunners—using the rifles of his escort in the same way—endeavouring to cover the advance of the fighting line.

The above movements are well carried out.

After half an hour (the supports having been thrown in) the fighting-line is about 600 yards from the enemy's infantry, who has turned out to be stronger in that arm than was expected—the balance of the fire being only partially restored by the four machine guns and the fire of their escort. However, from the enemy's left flank musketry and the crack of the machine guns are heard, and in a short time it is evident that the enemy's infantry is trying to disengage itself and withdraw.

We will not follow this hypothetical case further: enough has been said to give an idea of the way mounted infantry may be handled in an advanced-

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guard action. It may, however, be here pointed out what a different business this supposed skirmish would have been had infantry instead of mounted infantry been employed.

To begin with, this affair would have taken much more time—the attack would naturally have developed much more slowly, the cavalry of the vanguard would have had to wait patiently for the infantry to come up, the guns alone being able to trot forward, on the news being sent back to the main body of the advance guard that they were wanted. Great difference would also show itself afterwards.

After the combat, and when the commander of the advance guard would be anxious to push on again, the infantry would wish for a little time to get their breath and recover themselves; then, as the excitement died out, it would be found that a good deal had been taken out of them by the hurry-up to the front, the deployment, and the action; and the resumption of the march would be probably a leg-weary and plodding affair.

Whereas in the other case, where mounted infantry were employed, the action would commence with the mounted infantry being at hand, as they would have trotted up with the guns, and could go into action as soon as was considered advisable, and there would be no delay.

After the action, the companies in second line would move on at once, while the remainder, directly the losses had been ascertained and the wounded disposed of, would trot after the main body and

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regain their distance in front of the column, which would not have been checked.

The foregoing may be taken as an example of the employment of mounted infantry in the advance guard.

In a general action, a commander will not needlessly employ his mounted infantry, but will keep them in hand. He will reserve them, in order to reinforce speedily infantry which has succeeded in getting some slight footing in a weak point in the position attacked, relieving them with infantry as soon as practicable; or he will send them in pursuit with his cavalry, or to assist cavalry in a turning movement, real or feigned; or lastly, in case of a reverse, he will use them to assist him to disengage his infantry and to cover his withdrawal from the position.

For this and other reasons, mounted infantry of an army corps should not be attached to the cavalry brigade, but should be regarded as 'corps' troops. If the force to which the corps belongs is a division, then the mounted infantry should be regarded as 'divisional' troops.

Although mounted infantry provided with horses has generally been referred to in these pages, it should not be supposed that mounted infantry is limited to this animal.

Let it be assumed that the nucleus of the mounted infantry—organised and trained as such—is mounted on horses or mules; but in the theatre of war this force might be increased by infantry provided with

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whatever material for transport could be procured, without coming to daggers drawn with the Commissariat and Transport Department.

Thus, with a certain object in view, a company, or half an infantry battalion, or more, might be attached to the mounted infantry of an army corps mounted on country carts, bullock-drays, donkeys, camels, or any other means by which men may be kept unfatigued and can be moved speedily.

There are many conflicting opinions as regards mounted infantry. 'Opinions,' says Jomini, 'will always be divided as to those amphibious animals called dragoons.'

Some think that a few mounted infantry are well enough to supplement the cavalry of a division, to assist in the scouting, and to prevent too many cavalry horses being used up, but do not regard their existence as of much importance; others, again (and one must concede that foreign officers are generally of this opinion), argue that mounted infantry are nearly as expensive as cavalry and not nearly as efficient. The advocates of mounted infantry, however, decline to look at mounted infantry as a hybrid arm.

Mounted infantry is only infantry that can move quickly—mobile infantry.

The general who possesses a strong body (in proportion to the force he commands) of quickly-moving infantry has without doubt an increased chance of being the stronger at the important point, at the critical moment.

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To quote Jomini once more, 'It cannot,' says he, 'be denied, however, that great advantages might result to the general who could rapidly move up ten thousand men on horseback to a decisive point, and bring them into action as infantry.'

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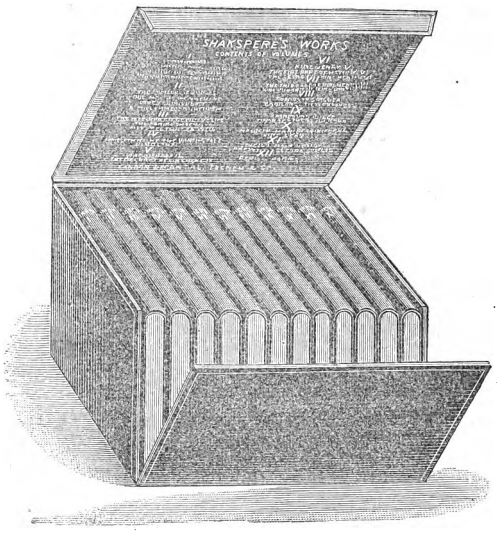

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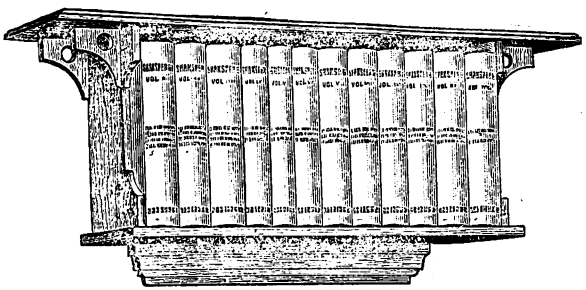

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Would blow me to an ague, when I thought
What harm a wind too great might do at sea.
I should not see the sandy hour-glass run
But I should think of shallows and of flats,
And see my wealthy Andrew, dock'd in sand,
Vailing her high-top lower than her ribs
To kiss her burial. Should I go to church
And see the holy edifice of stone,
And not bethink me straight of dangerous rocks,
Which touching but my gentle vessel's side,
Would scatter all her spices on the stream,
Enrobe the roaring waters with my silks,
And, in a word, but even now worth this,
And now worth nothing? Shall I have the thought
To think on this, and shall I lack the thought
That such a thing bechanc'd would make me sad?
But tell not me: I know Antonio
Is sad to think upon his merchandise.

Ant. Believe me, no: I thank my fortune for it,
My ventures are not in one bottom trusted,
Nor to one place; nor is my whole estate
Upon the fortune of this present year:
Therefore my merchandise makes me not sad.

Salar. Why, then you are in love.

Ant. Fie, fie!

Salar. Not in love neither? Then let us say you are sad,
Because you are not merry; and 'twere as easy
For you to laugh, and leap, and say you are merry,
Because you are not sad. Now, by two-headed Janus,
Nature hath fram'd strange fellows in her time:
Some that will evermore peep through their eyes
And laugh like parrots at a bag-piper;
And other of such vinegar aspect

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